



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Johnny Khamis
District 10

SUBJECT: Deferral of ITEM 11.2 – Rezoning
the real property located on the west
side of Almaden Expressway at the
southern terminus of Brasilia Way

DATE: May 2, 2014

APPROVED:

DATE: 05/02/14

RECOMMENDATION

Defer consideration of Item 11.2 to the evening session of the June 10th City Council meeting to allow the developer adequate time to work with staff in Planning and Public Works to preserve some of the twelve native oak trees designated for removal as part of the proposed Brasilia Way development.

BACKGROUND

I have talked with a number of District 10 residents who are very concerned that twelve native oak trees are slated to be removed as part of the proposed Brasilia Way development. There was also much discussion on this topic at the Planning Commission hearing for the proposed development. In response to this very valid community concern, I have asked the developer to work with City staff in our Planning and Public Works departments to find ways to preserve additional native oak trees on the site, while still ensuring that site drainage requirements and other design requirements are met.

Deferring the Council hearing on this proposed development will allow the developer and City staff adequate time to discuss and vet possible modifications to the project so that as many of the native oak trees may be preserved as possible.

I am pleased that the developer has already proven willing to respond to community concerns, such as those expressed at the two community meetings for the proposed development, by addressing view-shed issues and the privacy of neighboring homes.